

Third Sunday of Advent

Grace Episcopal Church

The R. Rev. Dr. John C. Bauerschmidt, Bishop
The Rev. Joseph N. Davis, Vicar
Deanie Moore, Director of Music

December 13, 2020

Please keep silence in the church before the service and turn off all cell phones.

Prelude

Procession “Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding” Hymn 59
(Not sung)

Acclamation BCP, p. 355

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: His mercy endures forever. Amen.

Collect for Purity BCP, p. 355

Kyrie Eleison BCP, p. 356

The Collect of the Day BCP, p. 212

First Reading Isaiah 61:1-4; 8-11

Psalm 126 BCP, p. 782

Second Reading I Thessalonians 5:16-24

Sequence “Prepare the Way, O Zion” Hymn 65
(Not sung)

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel

John 1:6-8, 19-28

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Joseph N. Davis

Nicene Creed

BCP, p. 358

The Prayers of the People

Form V, BCP p. 389

The Peace

BCP, p. 360

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Music

*(You may make an offering online by using
the code on p. 6 of this bulletin.)*

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP, p. 367

Sanctus

BCP p. 367

The Lord's Prayer

BCP p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread

Agnus Dei

BCP p. 407

Invitation to Communion

(The celebrant will bring communion in one kind down the aisle to those who choose to receive. Please stay in your pew. You may cross your arms over your chest if you would prefer a blessing.)

Prayer for those who cannot receive the sacrament in person:

*Dear Lord, since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come into my heart in the power of your Holy Spirit.
I unite myself to you and embrace you with all the affections
of my soul. Let me never be separated from you.
May I live and die in your love.*

Music

“Blessed Be the God of Israel”
(Not sung)

Hymn 444

Post Communion Prayer
Blessing

BCP, p. 365

Procession

“Prepare the Way, O Zion”
(Not sung)

Hymn 65

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

All baptized persons are normally invited to receive communion. Here are words from the Book of Common Prayer which could be adapted to our situation today:

If a person desires to receive the Sacrament, but, by reason of extreme sickness or physical disability, [or natural disaster, or pandemic,] is unable to eat and drink the Bread and Wine, the Celebrant is to assure that person that all the benefits of Communion are received, even though the Sacrament is not received with the mouth. (BCP, 457)

Special Note on Music

Our organist, Deanie Moore, recently tested positive for the coronavirus and is now quarantining at home. Let us all pray that she may have a speedy recovery. The hymns were left in the bulletin so that you may at least look them up at home and sing them yourselves or just read the words.

Father Joe

Zoom Bible Study on Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.

Christmas Eve Service: 6:00 p.m. December 24

During the current spike in covonavirus cases, we must take special care not to spread the disease at church. If you want to attend the 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service in person, you need to make a reservation with Susan Austin (sjanawicz@aol.com) by Friday, December 18. We will not be open for walk-in attendance on Christmas Eve, but everyone is more than welcome to attend online at our Facebook Live broadcast on our Facebook Group page.

Sunday In-Person Worship at Grace

Those who come are asked to wear some kind of face covering and keep a minimum of 6 feet away from other people. If you are able to use stairs, please enter and leave the church by the red door. Fr. Joe will greet the people outside under the maple tree after the service. We have suspended coffee hour in Faith Hall until further notice, but there is a virtual Zoom coffee hour almost every Sunday. The link is given in the broadcast.

To attend on Sunday in person, please write Susan Austin by Thursday next week. We want all our members and visitors to be safe, stay well, and to be around when this disease is no longer troubling our land.

The Stewardship Campaign Continues

We appreciate those members of our church who have made stewardship talks in the last few of weeks. Thanks go to all who have turned in pledges either online or by regular mail. If you have not already done so, please consider making a pledge to the continuing support of Grace Episcopal Church for 2021.

The Facebook Live broadcast of the 10:00 a.m. service will continue from the Grace Church, Spring Hill's **Facebook group page**, and you can find it later on our church's YouTube account.

If you are a visitor, we are glad to have your with us this Sunday. Reach out to us at the email addresses listed below.

To make a contribution to Grace Church, please use the code given below in this bulletin or mail your offering in to the office.



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